# Camp Navajo Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)

Thursday, January 12, 2006 Camp Navajo Bellemont, AZ

#### **Minutes**

Members in attendance: Carrie Marr, USFWS Shaula Hedwall, USFWS MAJ Bill Myer, NGB Christine Krosnicki, City of Flagstaff

LTC Pete Tosi, Camp Navajo Karen Underhill, community member

Randy Wilkinson, NGB

Members absent:

Stacy Duffy, ADEQ Lee Luedeker, AGFD

Tom Britt, community member

Glenn Morrison, community member

**Interested Parties** 

Environmental

Gavin Fielding, ADEMA/AZARNG

Tom Parker, Camp Navajo

Guests

Alan Anderson, citizen Kim Harriz, AMEC

Dana Downs-Heimes, CH2MHill

Mary Hershner, TSC

John Kim, Brown & Caldwell Srini Neralla, MKM Engineers

Marty Rozelle, The Rozelle Group, LTD.

The following acronyms may be used throughout this document

ADEMA Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

**ADEQ** Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

**AGFD** Arizona Game & Fish Department **AZARNG** Arizona Army National Guard **BRAC** Base Realignment and Closure Contained Detonation Chamber CDC

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act **CERCLA** 

COPC Contaminants of Potential Concern Electronic Data Management System **EDMS** 

**Ecological Risk Assessment** ERA **FOASA** Former Open Air Storage Area

**FSP** Field Sampling Plan

**FWPDBA** Former White Phosphorous Detonation and Burn Area (Chemical Canyon)

HHRA Human Health Risk Assessment **IRP** Installation Restoration Program

Human Health & Ecological Risk Assessment **HERA** 

Long Term Management LTM MAP Management Action Plan

MEC Munitions and Explosives of Concern

**MWP** Master Work Plan NAAD Navajo Army Depot NAU Northern Arizona University National Guard Bureau NGB Open Burn/Open Detonation OB/OD **ORS** Ordnance Related Scrap **PBC** Performance Based Contract

parts per billion ppb

QAPP Quality Assurance Project Plan

**RCRA** Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Response Complete RC

RI/FS Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

RIP Remedy in Place SAG Stakeholder Advisory Group SSHP Site Safety and Health Plan

USACHPPM U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

USFWS U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service USGS U.S. Geological Survey UXO Unexploded Ordnance WMM Waste Military Munitions

The following matters were discussed, recommended, and/or decided.

### 1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

- Randy Wilkinson chaired the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.
- LTC Tosi announced that his retirement has been delayed. As soon as his
  replacement, LTC Adrian Nagel, arrives, LTC Tosi will become Deputy Commander of
  the Camp Navajo Installation.
- MAJ Myer is being assigned to the Readiness Center in the Washington D.C. area and will leave Camp Navajo in May 2006. His replacement, MAJ Brian Saunders, will be at the April SAG meeting. He will have a one month transition time with MAJ Myer.
- Randy and Lee Luedeker were confirmed to continue as co-chairs of the SAG for 2006, subject to Lee's acceptance.
  - Note: Later on the same day, Lee spoke with Randy and accepted the position.
- The Decision Document for NAAD 13 is out for public comment. The comment period ends February 9, 2006.
- An open detonation is scheduled to begin January 17 and continue through January 27, 2006
- The Camp Navajo Installation is also participating in a public comment period for an air quality permit for the rock crusher.

## 2. Status of Action Items from November 3, 2005, SAG Meeting

No outstanding action items remain.

# 3. Open Detonation Event

More than 200 white phosphorous and high explosive items have been accumulated from the clean-up work done this summer at NAAD 9C. A press release and public notice have been distributed. FAA has been asked to restrict the air space in a 3,800 foot radius. This detonation event should be routine. More than 1,000 items have been detonated since September 2003.

#### 4. NAAD 13 Public Comment Period

Public comments on the NAAD 13 Decision Document will be taken through February 9, 2006. The document is in the Cline Library and on the public website. The NAAD 13 sites include: the former Deactivation Furnace (Building 334), former Ash Disposal Pile, and former Waste Munitions and Waste Ash Storage Room within Building 325. Historically these sites operated as hazardous waste interim status facilities under RCRA. The Decision Document outlines the site history and documents that the clean closure objectives have been met. The furnace served as an incinerator to destroy small arms ammunitions. Ash and furnace residues were collected in 55-gallon drums and transferred to the hazardous waste storage area within Building 325. Residual ash was also transferred to the Ash Disposal Pile. Currently, no hazardous waste and/or hazardous substance above residential exposure levels remain at any of the units in NAAD 13. All structure and equipment associated with the furnace system have been completely removed. No further remedial action is warranted, and NAAD 13 can be

closed and available for future unrestricted use. The ADEQ concurs with this determination and maintains a data base on all RCRA sites in the state. NAAD 13 is one of the seven sites at Camp Navajo. This is a big step.

#### 5. OB/OD Program Update

#### **Project Updates**

<u>NAAD 01</u> – This fall MKM collected data to further characterize the soil. The source of lead contamination was found and is being removed.

NAAD 02 – This is the largest site in the OB/OD Area. The Draft RI Report and human health and ecological risk assessment will be submitted for review to the USFWS and ADEQ in January. UXO characterization is being completed by CH2MHill. On February 27 – 28, 2006 a technical project planning meeting with ADEQ with USACE will be held to fill data gaps and discuss a final characterization plan. An interim removal action of some lead contamination in the soil is planned. Once this action is complete and the RI Report is approved, no further action is expected. The contamination levels will be brought down to those acceptable for residential land use.

NAAD 03 – The ADEQ and USFWS is still reviewing the RI Report and Ecological Risk Assessment. Expect conclusion of no eco risk should go to no further action for chemical contamination

NAAD 04 – This site was used for the demilitarization of 1000- pound bombs with choking agent. Additionally, drums buried at this site resulted in arsenic soil contamination. MKM has excavated the soil down to levels below residential standards, and is currently backfilling the excavation

<u>NAAD 05 and 06</u> – AMEC collected additional data this fall. They are currently reviewing the data to determine appropriate next steps, which may include risk assessments or interim removal actions.

NAAD 8B – AMEC prepared a final RI Report and draft Ecological and Human Health Risk Assessment. ADEQ is still reviewing responses to comments on the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA). If they agree the site should be closed and no further action required. A Decision Document will be prepared and released for public comment.

NAAD 9C – This \$2 million removal action is 95% complete. Some metallic debris and ordnance-related scrap still needs to be removed. All recyclable materials have been sent off site. All together, 100 tons of metal, 14 cubic yards of soil, and 300 ordnance items have been removed. Brown and Caldwell will prepare a construction report documenting everything that has been done. NAAD 9C will become a closed site and can be restored. A media day is being planned for later in February to celebrate this success.

NAAD 9D – The RI Report has been finalized and the final ERA has been approved. No further action is needed and a Decision Document will be prepared and released for public comment.

E 76 - MKN has investigated suspect areas and found no evidence of mustard rounds.

Of the seven sites associated with RCRA permits, four are meeting the final administrative requirements for full closure. Of the remaining seven Installation Restoration Program sites, 20% are still open and are not in long term management.

# **Program Updates**

<u>Surface and Groundwater Monitoring</u> – The annual report is being reviewed by ADEQ. Two borings are proposed to be installed to 500 feet to further characterize the groundwater. The OB/OD Area sites do not show much soil contamination. We are monitoring off-site receptors as well and now have extensive data for soil, ground, and surface water.

<u>2006 Biological Evaluation</u> – The USFWS is reviewing this document, which evaluates the potential impacts to regulated species due to 2006 field work.

Frost Heave - The Final Report is due the week of January 16, 2006.

## 6. Call to the public

No one from the public was present.

#### 7. Action Items and

The next three meetings are scheduled but are subject to change. April 13 – Camp Navajo

July 13 – evening meeting planned, most likely in Flagstaff.

October 12 - Camp Navajo